



From the Director of Victim Services

National Police Week was held May 10th -14th to pay homage to fallen law enforcement officers across our country and in Tennessee. They are victims who made the ultimate sacrifice, losing their lives while serving and protecting our communities. The men and women who have gone before us served with

honor, and in doing so, honored their departments, their colleagues, and families who still hold them dear. Tennessee Department of Correction suffered a tremendous loss, Correctional Administrator Ms. Debra K. Porter-Johnson on August 7, 2019.

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

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Victim Services Mission

To support victims, their families, and the laws that protect their rights, while utilizing recognized principles of offender behavioral change to help reduce the risk of repeat criminal behavior.

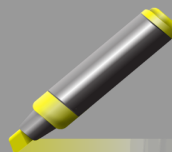
Victim Services Provides:

- Information regarding the status of offenders in prison with felony convictions
- Registration for victim notification
- Assistance with threats, unwanted calls/correspondence from an offender

Victim Services Activities:

- Community education programs
- Coordination with the Board of Parole, Attorney General's Office, and the Tennessee District Attorney General's Office to respond to victims' concerns
- Education to TDOC staff to increase awareness of victims' issues
- Collaboration with other victim advocates

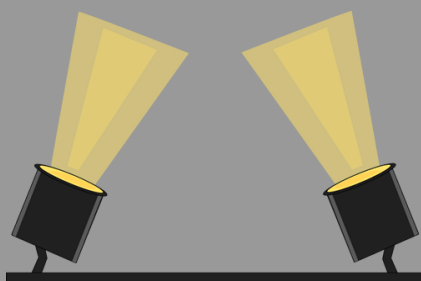
Victims Services Highlights.....



Crystal Gray, is a Probation/Parole Manager in the Columbia Office where she also serves as the District 51 Victim Coordinator. She has worked with the state for 10 years. Additionally, she works as a victim's advocate at Bridges Domestic Violence Center in Williamson County and facilitates for a local Batterer's Intervention Program. Previously, Crystal worked as the Assistant Director of Victim's Services for the Board of Parole. Crystal started her career in victim services out of high school where she was the shelter manager for a local shelter. She went on to assist in the founding and creation of New Beginnings Domestic Violence Center. Crystal is a graduate of

Martin Methodist College in Pulaski, TN where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology.

Crystal moved to Tennessee from Maryland in 2002 causing her to miss her Maryland Blue Crabs and the Baltimore Ravens. In her free time, she enjoys kayaking, reading, spending time with friends and family, and exploring new places.



Correctional Professionals Week 2020

The Tennessee Department of Corrections (TDOC) is pleased to recognize the unwavering commitment of Tennessee's correctional professionals by celebrating Correctional Professionals Week May 3-9, 2020. Every year Correctional Professionals across the country are recognized during the first full week of May for the vital role they play in keeping Tennesseans safe by maintaining custody, control, and supervision of offenders. Governor Bill Lee proclaimed May 3-9, 2020 as Correctional Professionals Week in the volunteer state and encouraged all Tennesseans to join in this worthy observance. The Department of Correction recognizes our correctional professionals who exemplify integrity, professionalism, and strength in often difficult and dangerous situations.

President Ronald Reagan first signed a proclamation in 1984, creating "National Correctional Officers Week." This annual initiative celebrates and honors the work of correctional officers, correctional probation officers and correctional personnel and their essential role in the field of criminal justice and public safety.

There are more than 6,000 correctional employees working to operate safe and secure prisons and provide effective community supervision in Tennessee. TDOC has 14 facilities statewide, including 10 state institutions, four private institutions, and 45 probation/parole offices across the state. Additionally, there are four day reporting centers, one in each region of the state.

Teacher Appreciation Week & Nurses Week

Teachers and nurses were recognized this month as well. We have teachers and nurses that work in all of our facilities across the state. We salute them for being on the front lines assisting inmates with their educational and health needs.



TDOC Central Office Monthly Stats

Telephone Calls		April	Notifications		April
Phone calls Received/Returned		138	Registration		190
Parties Registered for Notifications		107	Movement		4
Harassment/Threats/No Contact		13	Advance Release		272
Referrals		13	Final Release *		80
Release/Parole Inquiry		28	Death		15
Other		76	Other		62

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